

Outline on
THE TRANSFIGURATION
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Read Luke 9:28-36

Intro: If you were to choose one remarkable incident out of all the remarkable incidents in the life of the Lord, what would you choose?

- the healing of a leper
- the feeding of 5 thousand with
5 loaves and 2 fish (Lk. 9:14)
- the resurrection of Lazarus from the
dead (John 11)

I agree - they are all remarkable. But to me this account of the transfiguration is equally remarkable.

Notice first: Our Lord's death was no accident. (Read vs. 31: His decease, His exodus, His departure)

- Rev. 13:8 "the Lamb slain from the foundation
of the world"

The pre-creation council of Father, Son and Holy spirit.

- John 10:18 "no man takes [my life] from
me - I lay it down of myself.

No Sanhedrin Council - no Herod - no Pilate -
no Roman army, etc.

Illustration) - in a temple at Ravenna (in Italy) - a mosaic of
from Sanders,) the Transfiguration
page 104) - from the cloud a drawn hand points to a cross -
the center of the Transfiguration scene
To the artist, as well as to us, the
Lord's death is the central theme of the Transfiguration.

Notice also: There are several happy lessons for us in the event.

Lesson 1: We will recognize each other in eternity
the disciples recognized Moses and Elijah
vs. 33

Moses was dead over 1,400 years already.

Elijah was gone over 800 years.

And yet the disciples recognized them.

How? Probably by their conversation with Jesus

You have loved ones gone - perhaps a child.
As the song says, I expect to meet some "just inside the
Eastern gate over there" and some at "Hallelujah Square."

Lesson 2: No such thing as soul sleep [explain]
Moses was very much alert

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Lk. 16 - the rich man and Lazarus
the great multitude before the throne of the
Lamb in Rev. 7, and consciously singing
in a great chorus

Lesson 3: There is an intermediate body for the Christian
between death and the resurrection
Paul in II Cor. 5 - we shall be clothed with
"a house" not made with hands
Again, Moses: Deut. 34 - God buried him and
yet here on the Mount of Transfiguration he has a body -
is alert - and is recognized.

Lesson 4: Some believers will die and depart to be with
the Lord - Moses did
Some believers will be caught up without dying
to be with the Lord - Elijah was
I Thess. 4 - "we who are alive and remain
shall be caught up ... to meet the Lord in the air" -
but watch what happens:
vs. 29 - the Lord's appearance was changed
vs. 22 - this is described as the Lord's glory
vss. 30, 31 - Moses and Elijah appeared in
glory - same word
I John 3:2: We shall be similar to Him for we shall
see Him as He is.
Phil. 3:21: "Who will change our body of lowliness
that it may be made similar to the
body of His glory."

Dear friend: Whatever your pain and suffering might be now - and
though it seems long - yet soon there will come for
you the eternal dignity of glory so wonderful your
present bodies could not bear.

Read: II Cor. 4:17 - God's Word promises it!! Are you
a believer?

Song: "Oh That Will Be Glory"

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